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## City of Wylie Public Information Office **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City Names Three Fire Chief Finalists**

Wylie, TX – The City of Wylie has selected three finalists for its vacant Fire Chief position.

The three finalists are (listed alphabetically):

**George “Randy” Corbin** – Since 1999, Corbin has served as a Vice President at TWL Knowledge Group, which provides training and education for law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management, professional security and homeland security. Prior to TWL Knowledge Group, Corbin served as the Fire Chief for the City of Lewisville (TX) from 1984 to 1999.

**Noe Flores** – Flores joined the City of Wylie as an Assistant Fire Chief in 2004 and has served as Interim Fire Chief since the retirement of Shan English. Flores began his firefighting career as a firefighter in San Angelo (TX) in 1983. Prior to joining WFD, Flores served as a Battalion Chief in San Angelo from 1999 to 2004.

**Gary Wisdom** – Since 1998, Wisdom has served as the Fire Chief for the City of Burleson (TX). Wisdom began his firefighting career as a firefighter in McKinney (TX) in 1981. Prior to joining the Burleson Fire Department, Wisdom served as a McKinney Fire Captain from 1984 to 1998.

The three finalists are scheduled to interview with City Manager Mindy Manson the week of January 22 – 26, 2007. The City received more than 31 resumes for the Fire Chief position, which became vacant when long-time Fire Chief Shan English retired in June 2006.

The applicant pool was narrowed to a list of eight candidates who were interviewed by a panel on January 10, 2007. The panel included City of Wylie staff (WFD Captain Brandon Blythe and Dispatch Supervisor Shelly Holcomb), neighboring city and fire leaders (Lucas City Manager Charles Fenner and Allen Fire Chief Bill Hawley) and community leaders (A.L. Draper and Marvin Fuller).

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Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Wylie (population 33,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 118% increase since 2000. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie is the ideal place for people looking for a small town environment with easy access to big city amenities.